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1. In the fall of 1962 there were many Cubans in Lvov and Kiev. Most of them were young and all of them were disliked by the average Ukrainian. In the summer of 1962 one Cuban was found hanged from a tree in the Lvov area and another was knifed to death. It is frowned upon for a Ukrainian girl to go out with a Cuban; however, a Polish girl living in Lvov recently married a Cuban and returned with him to Cuba.
2. The reason for the dim view taken of the Cubans by the local population is that the Cubans receive priority treatment in important matters such as living accommodations, school admissions and even goods in the stores. The Ukrainians read the Cubans as conceited and superior. During the Cuban crisis relations between the two groups became particularly tense, probably because the Cubans served as a daily reminder that Ukrainians might be forced to fight for their cause. There were some Ukrainians who hoped that the Cuban crisis would develop further and "get Khrushchev into real trouble".
3. Khrushchev's action in Cuba was a partial backdown and Mr. Kennedy made an error in not taking advantage of the situation. Many Ukrainians were disappointed when the American President didn't "finish off" Cuba altogether. In this, and in other respects, the Ukrainians talk quite freely and openly criticize the regime, Khrushchev in particular. They feel he has failed to fulfill his promises and his reputation in the last two or three years has decreased considerably primarily because of his failures in the economic field.

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